

HA-1516

1858; 1930's

Bristow House
615 N. Hickory Avenue
Bel Air
private

This cosy cottage, c. 1935, surrounds a much older two room tenant house, which belonged to Colonel Webster's estate "Ingleside". The big house was razed in 1978, so the interior two rooms of this house are all that remain of the estate. The varying gable roofs of the house and particularly the steep pitched front dormer with its round-headed window are quaint without being cloying.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bristow House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

615 N. Hickory Avenue

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Andrew M. Bristow

Telephone #: 838-8658

STREET & NUMBER

615 N. Hickory Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 655

Folio #: 495

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

NA-1516

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small cottage is at 615 N. Hickory Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is a two story, four bay, L-shaped, shiplap-sided structure with various slate gable roofs. The front (west) elevation shows the north two bays with their own steep gable roof. The south two bays have a different gable roof broken in the middle by a steep gable dormer with a triangular vent and a round-headed 6/6 double-hung sash window. The first story of this section has the door (north) and a window (south). Shading the front door with its single pane over panel sidelights is a one bay gable roofed porch carried on square posts. The one and a half story ell is behind the south two bays; a single story kitchen addition is on the south elevation of the ell; its shed roof slopes down to the south. The back door is on the east elevation of the shed, sheltered by a shed roofed hood on wrought iron brackets. The rear elevation of the north two bays shows a very steep gable roof sloping down over an enclosed porch and having two shed-roofed dormers breaking the slope. An outside end chimney is on the north elevation. All the windows are 6/6.

The interior has a long living room across the front (west). Behind that (southeast) is the kitchen, in the middle is the dining room, and to the northeast is the enclosed porch which serves as a library. There are three bedrooms and two baths upstairs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES after 1857; 1930's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This L-shaped cottage with various gable roofs and a steeply pitched front gable was constructed in the 1930's around a very small tenant house on Colonel Webster's estate "Ingleside". The present owners, Andrew and Mary Bristow, are mainstays of the Harford County Historical Society. Mary Bristow is a writer and local historian. According to her the house was only one room up and down well into the 20th century. In Colonel Webster's will, probated in 1893, the house was mentioned as "the small house in which Henry Osborn now lives". Around 1900 Howard Coale, a farmer for J. Edwin Webster, lived there.

The estate was devised to Ida W. Hunter (Mrs. J. Abell Hunter), Colonel Webster's daughter (will 11/315). In 1907 she sold it to her brother J. Edwin Webster for \$1500 (122/178). He mortgaged it in 1921 (175/301) and defaulted in 1932. It was sold at public auction (223/211). At the time the property was 73 acres. In 1935 Henry T. Crocker and Edwin H. W. Harlan bought 35 acres (237/266). In 1937 Adelaide D. Grant bought this house (244/367). It was either under her ownership or that of Crocker and Harlan that the house was enlarged to the present size.

In 1961 Anthony and Doris Lombardi bought it (577/276) and in 1964 the Bristows bought it (655/495).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #336 in the Town of Bel Air, 89' x 200'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn M. Larew, Architectural Historian

4 January 1980

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET

